

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**  
**January 25, 2022**

**SUBJECT:**

Modified Calendar for the 2022-23 School Year

**BACKGROUND:**

Many school districts in South Carolina and around the nation have modified their calendars or are in the process of modifying them. While making changes to the traditional calendar has been discussed for decades, it has been given more serious attention in recent years. The most common version shifts some weeks of summer break to other parts of the year creating additional breaks in the fall and spring. Students continue to attend school 180 days with teacher contracts remaining 190 days.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

A modified calendar was proposed during the district's strategic planning process as a strategy to align time and resources to reflect our priorities. A committee was established to research the concept and its potential impact and to develop possible options. The district disseminated information to stakeholders and conducted surveys to gauge interest. The calendar was also the primary topic during the superintendent's advisory group meetings, which included parents, teachers, staff members, students, and community members. Finally, a paper survey was distributed to all parents, and two town hall input sessions were held. A modified school calendar will require adjustments to schedules, and accommodations will be necessary initially for some staff members and families. We believe, however, that benefits will be realized in our priorities of school safety, teacher recruitment and retention, and student achievement.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Proposed Calendar

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the Proposed 2022-2023 calendar.

**PREPARED BY:**

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